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### After Words, Deeds

It was a wholly fitting thing that on the day following the publication of Mr. Wilfore them the soldiers of their own state the spirit of America. It was the right proud to claim his friendship. thing that there should be brought home. In selecting Mr. Little to manage Mr. zens to give their lives to make them good. organization of that time.

moment when America will take up her part of the burden of saving civilization from German barbarism and humanity yesterday to give to them reality and

for the world before the goal can be

haps, it will not be statesmen who will tion who will negotiate for us and for the world the only peace that is worth while.

It is more than three years since the and only lesser duties to be performed by trict Attorney's office.

mate triumph may be surer, and their prosecute those under indictment. Though the directorate of his company. His policies present condition better. They have gone forth to war for a great cause and noble principles. We who have stayed at home principles. We who have stayed at home they were indicted must have been guilty world's capacity to hate. Even though Prusmust find other ways to serve the same of perjury, Mr. Ingraham finds that no sian diplomacy should hoodwink a spinsless cause. We shall fail them who have not move was made against these witnesses peace commission into allowing the world's failed us if we do not make the moment of for some ten months. Then Judge Dele- great outlaw to escape the just punishment their departure the beginning of a better ernor, opening the entire affair, and jured will surely provide an indefinite term

aclousness of a united nation sharing in these indictments had been obtained."

conquer on the field.

The greatest sacrifice that has ever been any greater threat be uttered against zaked of the American people by a united people of the knowledge and situation in separate Dover from the Belgian coast.

those who go, but also of those who stay. ment?" Of all this Mr. Swann had knowl-We have proclaimed brave principles and of it. noble ideals, and many hundred thousands On this report Governor Whitman may field. So far the response has been clear a candidate for reëlection. Punishment by and unmistakable; and yet much of the as those who have gone.

The best of our manhood has responded. made in vain. It will be made in vain if Subtle may seem a queer word to use in purchase merchandise advertised to THE for that. Those who meet the enemy will Spanish war famous. But it is not far and said: 'Lafayette, nous voila!' ("Lafayette, sure of us? Can they trust us as we know that we can trust them?

### The Right Man

There was a time in the politics of this son's message to the Pope the people of state when not to know Luther B. Little this city should see passing in review be- was to argue one's self both unknown and unknowing. In that time state political leaders were glad to ask his advice and who are to carry to France the flag and men of national political repute were

to millions of people the fact that all the Mitchel's campaign Fusion has acted with noble words which Mr. Wilson had ut- rare good judgment. It has chosen a tered derived their power and their mean- man who knew all that was most efficient tered derived their power and their mean-in the political machinery of the past and ing from the readiness of American citi-

With the President's message we have Mr. Mitchel is to be congratulated on passed to a new phase. We approach the having his campaign in such competent

### Labor Joins the Suffragists

The interchange of communications befrom Teutonic force. All the words in tween the conventions of the suffragists at demonstrated yesterday. Its words are the world would be idle if it were not for Saratoga and the New York State Fed- no worse than many others: the fact that they were backed by brave eration of Labor at Jamestown is evidence and loyal men like those who marched of a valuable cooperation in the battle for broader democracy. The one group seeks a political democracy still unachieved completely in this state because of a sex dis-With Mr. Wilson's message the pros- crimination. The other seeks a more compect of immediate peace, of premature plete industrial or economic democracy peace, is dissipated. There are weary than it has yet won. The struggle, as the months of fighting and of suffering ahead suffragists aptly said, is the same from

Just as the struggle of the suffragists realised, and we are now to pay the price and organized labor is essentially the of those brave and lofty ideals which we same, their adversaries are the same. The have proclaimed from the beginning of politicians who object to woman suffrage our national life, often on the battlefield. chiefly because it would overturn condi-With the passing of the New York division to camp, which is but a prelude to munity as the financial or industrial inforeign service, the war must take on for terests which see in the spread of ecoall of us a sterner and a more vital char- nomic democracy only an overturning of Meanwhile, why do our bands neglect the status quo which would produce harm the oldtime marching songs? Why were to themselves. The politicians and many to themselves. The politicians and many not "Dixie" and "Yankee Doodle," our two business interests have long made comcarry on the great debate. It must be mon cause, frequently without regard to those whom we love, whom we saw yes- political lines. It is only right and proper of the Republic." a natural marching terday marching away in the strength of that labor and the suffragists should unite melody, if there ever was one? There manhood and in the courage of determinaadvance the desires of both

## Mr. Swann Should Go

youth and manhood of Britain disappeared he must be an unconditional optimist. The leaving us to fight our battle abroad. But youth and manhood of Britain disappeared into that fog which one still describes of corruption—"that is, of fact influenced us and help them. as "Somewhere in France." They went by a monetary or financial consideration" to battle and to death; these men of France -the Governor would be justified in reand of Britain have borne the heat of fraining from removing the District Atthe day on all the battlefields that lie from torney from office. But the referee also When the good will of a business firm is the Marne to the newest turned trench in finds, and specifically calls to the Gov- lost the rehabilitation of trade becomes ex- far-away cows have long horns. Flanders; but they left behind them other scarcely less serious condition in the Dis- Co. is just now realizing that it must grapple

hanty sent his communication to the Gov- of crime, the indirect vengeance of the in- To the Editor of The Tribune. dedication to national service and to the "there was great activity by the whole adequate restitution, satisfy the demands of simpler, smaller but useful tasks that lie District Attorney's staff, not apparently justice. Agreements between nations cannot to prosecute those guilty of the crimes guarantee the dissipation of personal hatreds

their sufferings, sharing in their priva- These witnesses were indicted for pertions and striking down every unworthy jury, were arrested and committed to the not making war on the German people, but suggestion of an ignoble peace, as they after interrogations in the District Attorare fighting every effort of brute force to ney's office and in court some pleaded with its passing a better understanding of guilty to perjury. Having pleaded guilty, the spirit of the German people, resentment, We saw it to those who have gone to they were permitted by Assistant District Kaiser and the pan-German, has, regardless sert that there is a war in Europe, because the front and are to go to the front to see Attorneys to be discharged in the custody of precise justice, extended so as to cover the you have not seen it." to it that no weakness, no selfishness, no change their testimony stayed in jail. business, even though it dissolve partnership a hound in order to identify the mephitis impatience at our own hardships or our own discomforts shall lead us to weaken ham, "who could possibly testify to sus- of almost insuperable difficulties. Thirsting the arms of those who fight for us, or in- tain the charges against the District At- for a world trade, Germany, like the famishing crease the tasks of those who are to die torney had been indicted and was either camel, must live on its own fat. Many a day that we and all we love may live, not awaiting trial or had confessed to per- must elapse before the soothing influence of merely in peace, but in the enjoyment of jury." Before they were indicted for pertime can dim the memory of frightfulness, of greed and of dishonor. that liberty which has come down to us timony was true. But after indictment and incarceration in the city prison, after More than fifty years have passed since prolonged inquisition in the District Atthis country saw its manhood go forth to torney's office, some of them recanted. guns from Flanders was plainly heard at hattle in such numbers as a property of the very situation in itself a Dover, and about 1 o'clock yesterday mornbattle in such numbers as are now going. threat?" queries Mr. Ingraham. "Could ing the flashes could be seen. The artillery

country is now being asked, not merely of life of these defendants than this treat-

of our sons have gone or are going to be content to take no action. Mr. Swann's To the Editor of The Tribune. make good those principles on the battle- term expires in a few months, and he is the executive would be construed as a political move. Fortunately, the voters of same loyalty and the same self-abnegation ham reports is not the type of man to be American press. reëlected. Mr. Swann should go.

## A Marching Song

boys who are men in spirit, but yet un- picked nickname. The acceptance of such spoiled by years, is on the march. Such a an intimate and universal thing depends sacrifice can only be borne if it is not upon a subtle accord that no one man and doubt about it. we who are left behind falter. Those who connection with "There'll Be a Hot Time go will hold their line-we can trust them in the Old Town To-night," that made the

When you hear dem bells go ding-ling-ling, All join round and sweetly you must sing: And when the verse am through, in the chorus all join in-

That is hardly a philosophic statement of our national purpose in invading Cuba; and in this particular era we almost hesitate to resurrect the name of the forgotten patriot who wrote the song of '98-Theodore A. Metz. But a marching song does not need to be rich in philosophy. Witness Tipperary," which took very little account of the rights of small nations-or "Yankee Doodle," or even "Dixie." The lilt and the flavor of the tune, redolent of the particular home and the particular everyday heart of life which the soldier leaves behind him-these are more important than the noblest sentiment a great poet could put into words.

In many respects Mr. George M. Cohan's contribution to the war fills these requirements very accurately. "Over

Over there, over there, Send the word, send the word over there, That the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are

The drums rum-tum-tumming ev'rywhere. So prepare, say a pray'r, nd the word, send the word to beware. We'll be over, we're coming over, And we won't come back till it's over over

coming;

But the bugle-blown tune seems rather awkward and thin for voices, and signs of its acceptance on the lips of soldiers are few. And that is the one final test. A really successful march song must be singable, so simple and appealing that qualify, but it has yet to prove its stand-

best martial tunes, not heard on Fifth Avenue? And what of "The Battle Hymn Avenue on their way to France every little while now. We suggest that more bands and better bands, more familiar

## A Pariah Among Nations

(From The Baltimore Sun) ernor's attention, evidence indicating a tremely difficult. The firm of Germany & with this most disheartening problem. Since those who were not able to share in the The charges against Mr. Swann grew Cain, the butcher, murdered Abel, the produce out of the handling-or mishandling-of dealer, business rivalry has brought no grasping, unprincipled traders to such dire straits And it is for us now who have been left certain garment strike cases. Mr. Ingraham reports that, while there was no firm finds himself. Not only has he brought go under, for it will have shown that it is of Street Cleaning had assured Staten Island. To the Editor of The Tribune. behind to take up the tasks that are near- doubt that crimes had been committed, the his concern to the verge of ruin and bankest and will make easier the work of those District Attorney's force, after assuming ruptcy, but he himself faces the imminent who are offering their lives that their ulti- office, seemed to decide that it would not danger of demotion and even expulsion from

signed. Germany faces a period of boycott oi torture that may, even in the absence of And above all we should give them that of punishing those who had committed the crimes, to the ones who had committed the crimes, to the crimes are crimes, the

President Wilson's declaration that we were of almost insuperable difficulties. Thirsting

## The Sound of the Guns

(From The London Morning Post of August 5) On Saturday night the booming of the increased in intensity, and appeared to sound very much nearer than the sixty miles that

## Lafayette, Nous Voila!

## edge, the referee insists, and approved General Pershing's Words at the Tomb of America's First Friend

not only expressive of the feelings of Ameria lease, whether of business or residential

through Paris. We had a beautiful balcony on the Rue de Rivoli, in the Louvre, and we landlord at liberty to lease the premises to could see them as plainly as you can see other parties during this suspension? And who had been waiting for this event for three years, was, to say the least, very much ouched. Now of course 'on les aura.' No

After having paraded through Paris, the oldiers went to Lafayette's grave at Picpus,

here we are.")
"Wasn't it bully of him! The French just wept for joy, and at the same time were lost in admiration over him because he such a short and expressive sentence. If he had spoken volumns of most eloquent would not have hit it as he did

ith those few words. helping old Europe, but because this is everybody's war, and no one ought to refuse to

body's war, and no one sale and one do his part to help right along."

LLOYD M. HOWELL. New York, Aug. 29, 1917.

## Suffragists and Pacifists

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I should like to answer a letter in yesterday's Tribune entitled "Suffragists and the lessee to pay rent ceases as a matter of Pacifists." 'The writer appears to be under course. a serious misunderstanding of several modern movements. The claim there is made that there is a "close alliance between socialist and suffragist, pacifist and feminist." which would militate against the betterment of conditions through the medium of "votes for women."

There!" is unquestionably a good march- (2) socialists, (3) pacifists? Feminism deing tune, as the bands on Fifth Avenue clares an equality between women and men, an equality of right in civil life, of oppor-tunity in industrial life, of responsibility in the moral code; suffrage is clearly the branch of feminism which concerns itself with civil equality. There is nothing dangerous or soul-destroying here. Socialism has nothing o do with either feminism or woman suffrage. Socialism, in its basic form, argues

for government control of public utilities.

The writer of the letter in yesterday's paper may know socialists who are I. W. W.'s, but that is not to say that socialism and W. W.-ism are one. I know Christians who believe that Eve gave Adam a fig and so brought death into the world and all our voe; but that is no evidence that the Adamand-Eve version of the creation is a part of Christianity. As for pacifism, it is as distinct a creed as socialism, has nothing whatever to do with it, and has perhaps even less to do with feminism and the suffrage. Those every rookie learns to roar it with his feminists and suffragists may chance to number one among our acquaintances who is two or more or all of these; but that scarcely convinces us that the creeds are in "close alliance" or connected at all.

their disservice in another. The Kaiser pro-claims himself a Christian. Must that be Know It Was Running."

considered a smirch on Christianity?
CORNELIUS THROOP GEER. New York, Aug. 29, 1917.

## Far-Away Cows Have Long Horns

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: There seems to be a fear in quarters that Germany is invincible. After dumps to this odorless plant. If District Attorney Swann can get any tunes and better tunes, should set the time having visited every part of Germany on a manhood of France marched to the front, comfort out of the report of Mr. Ingra- for their marching feet. We would say dozen different occasions, I have found no since most of the ham, refered in the City Club's charges, a world of things to the men who are reason to suppose that the German people were dying by hundreds for lack of fresh air, without question, which might make them a the world, they were greeted by stench from match for ourselves is based largely upon garbage scows so dense that even the men pro-German propaganda and the notion that had to hold their noses. One was sickened both at stomach and at heart by the trip,

lacies of such assumptions, but here there which should have refreshened." It would take an article to expose the falis merely room to suggest that any American born with individuality and initiative seemed predisposed to do, in assuming, at but making democracy safe for the world.

LOUIS EVAN SHIPMAN. as his birthright is more than the equal of a least inferentially, that certain nauseous har-German, who is born and made to be a mere bor odors emanated from Staten Island garpart of a huge piece of machinery. If we bage scows. This in face of the fact that this war democracy deserves to Commissioner Fetherston of the Department

Besides, if we cannot win on the present after having regained her breath. If we are that at the period mentioned by Mr. Reeve We are not fit to be in one day, and these deal animals, with free people if, once embarked upon the con- probably hundreds of others, were in process we do not stake our all to clinch the of being removed to a Barren Island plant.

usion. GUSTAV BISSING. Also that other acows laden with ashes and

New York, Aug. 29, 1917.

## Made in Quantity

Sir: The "Challenge to Mr. Moffett," garbage scow in transit, for the following printed on your editorial page to-day, over the signature of Mr. Moderwell, reminds me of the challenge of a woman who, somewhere to the new Staten Island plant are protected

The person who had so obtained the signaure inquired of me as to my reasons when methods applied to them, all scows carrying I demanded that it be erased. My answer was garbage to the Staten Island plant are moved that "the petition was being circulated in in the small hours of the night, when people the interests of Germany." . To this she re- are in bed and asleep. plied that I had no right to make such an assertion, because I could not prove it. She city officials to abolish the garbage nuisance thought she had me thoroughly squelched, but I answered, "You have no right to as-

emanating from things "made in Germany." New York, Aug. 27, 1917. AMERICAN.

### "What Shall We Say to Japan?" To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: May I offer my hearty congratula- effectiveness. tions on your publication in this morning's Tribune of Henry A. Wise Wood's article on hes menace of war with Japan over the narkets of the Orient. It would be a bless- To the Editor of The Tribune. ng to this country if all its citizens could made aware of what is being prepared for calling attention to the threatening danger restore it and return what they have stolen on every occasion

FREDERICK A. BLOSSOM New York, Aug. 25, 1917.

# A Moratorium for Drafted Men

## By Robert Netter

Among the most important of the questions; men in the country holding long leaves at A Far Eastern View of the Forces letter just received from a Mrs. Curtis, an about to confront our courts as a direct result extremely high rentals and who are anxiously American woman residing in Paris. They are of the selective draft law is the effect upon awaiting the determination of these questions bound to arise, and which should be solved not only expressive of the feelings of Ameri-cans in Paris, but they also present the property, where the lessee has been drafted in some way as soon as possible in order to uselens, if the nation itself, if those who their own hands. An official who would be bound to follow, is remain at home, do not serve with the approve a condition such as Mr. Ingra- know have not hitherto appeared in the Does the drafting of the lessee terminate this: Is a drafted business man, owing thousand here. "We saw the first American soldiers parade it suspend the lease for the period that the found perfectly solvent if given sufficient lessee is in the army? If the latter, is the hand, but who cannot carry out these con-tracts because of his having been drafted into landlord at liberty to lease the premises to The finest of our youth, all that repreA hand-picked national marching tune some one in the room with you. It was very if so, does the drafted lessee again become bankruptcy? Of course, as matters now stand, bankruptcy? Of course, as matters now stand, moving, and our little bunch on the balcony.

Service, expected to find no other to make the course ones, which bore all the outward moving, and our little bunch on the balcony.

Service, expected to find no other to make the course of similarity. We who have lived in the course of similarity. service? Of course, the most important phase of this ism or of generosity. Is it then to be exarticular subject is the question whether or pected that our business men are to be particular subject is the question whether or forced to the wall through no fault of their

not the drafted lessee remains liable to pay rent under his lease. Unless the situation is such illogical and unjust consequences? o do honor to that gentleman, and when they altered by legislation, I should certainly say arrived there General Pershing got off his that this obligation continues. I know of no horse, went quietly up to the tomb, saluted rule of law under which it would cease. Of men. At the present writing I am unaware course, there is a theory upon which a lessee that any steps have been taken in this direcmight defend an action for rent, and I dare- tion. It is very clear, and I do not feel mysay that many drafted lessees will endeaver self presumptuous in suggesting, that the to avail hemselves of it. The law has always sooner this matter is taken up the better for laid down that where the continuance of a lease has become illegal it becomes void as a matter of course. A very common instance of this is found where premises are leased to "Once more I cannot tell you how glad I be used only for a certain business, and subam that America is in. Not because they are sequently, but prior to the termination of the in receipt of a substantial income, which lease, the local health authorities rule that salary or income is now superseded by a the continuance of this business upon the soldier's salary of \$30 per month, he cannot leased premises would be in violation of the be expected to keep up the payment of inlaw; or where the public authorities decree terest and other charges accruing under his law; or where the public authorities decree the standard of the business upon the mortgage. In attempting to answer this, it may be a public nuisance, might be argued that the income of the propdemised property would be a public nuisance. In these cases, the courts are uniform in erty should be sufficient to carry the mortholding that the leases become void and of gage. But suppose the property no further effect; and thus the obligation of income. Suppose it is unimproved property. Suppose it is residential property upon which

### No Defence Under Present Lav

In the same way, unless positive legislation is to determine the question, one can readily conceive that drafted lessees, when sued for rent for a period during which they are serving in the conscriptive army, may set up as In the first place, if such a classification is defences that their continued occupancy of to be made, would it not be more systematic the premises would be contrary to the selecto group these reckless thinkers in three tive service law, and consequently illegal; classes, thus: (1) feminists and suffragists, from which they would argue that the lease find themselves in ruination and with no was therefore voider when they were called other course to pursue than once again to into actual service. It is my absolute opinion, however, that these defences will be utterly unavailing unless the courts, actuated by questions which are bound to arise. But they patriotic motives or by the feeling that public are all branches of the same broad, general policy demands such determinations, should proposition: "How shall we protect and condecide in favor of the drafted lessees apart from the law. I think most lawyers will are serving us?" It would certainly be a agree with me that, from a legal standpoint, manifest absurdity to say, in answer to the there is no substance in defences of this kind, for a vast distinction can be readily perceived between cases where the carrying on of a solve all these questions." The fact remains business has become illegal and those where that something should be done immediately. the actual presence of the lessee would be Every possibility of the otherwise inevitable contrary to law. The question whether or not the lease is eliminated. Positive and definite legislation,

suspended should also be answered in the covering every possible situation having to same way, for the same reasons. There are certainly a number of drafted soldier should be taken up at once.

Garbage and Odors

Scows Can Be Detected

Now Mr. Reeve went wrong, as many others

Therefore, in all fairness to the efforts of

ystem of garbage reduction but bonded them-

selves in the amount of \$200,000 against

creating any nuisance, Mr. Reeve might cor-

rect his statement, or at least take the trouble

to inform himself as to the facts before again

mental to an enterprise in garbage disposal

which is a credit to New York City and is

to-day creating nation-wide attention on

account of its perfect sanitary qualities and

New York, Aug. 29, 1917.

with the raped Belgian daughters?

New York, Aug. 28, 1917.

L. FLETCHER SNAPP.

LEOPOLD JANSSENS,

A Belgian.

rushing into print with statements detri-

To the Editor of The Tribune.

This is what he charges:

Staten Island.

Street Cleaning:

## The Lies of Pacifism

do with the property or affairs of a drafted

The Question of Mortgages

### Why No Stench From Staten Island With Further Comment Upon Stockholm and the Vigilantes To the Editor of The Tribune.

commence at the bottom of the ladder?

Sir: In your issue of the 24th Sidney A. Sir: I gather from Mr. Witter Bynner's Reeve purports to reply to an article which letter in to-day's Tribune that he has re-

Odor: Staten Islanders Who Fought It Didn't If he thinks-and not being in the army, where such mental processes, he naively in-Your own representative by personal invesforms us, are frowned upon, he must at that you and the other democracies are fight tigation proved the headlines and Mr. Reeve least think he thinks-that the future of himself admitted the truth of their statement, So far, so good. But Mr. Reeve also stated hand-fed pro-German conferences to be held mocracy, we appeal to the American people that it was not the admittedly odorless plant at Stockholm and Minneapolis, he must have while recognizing the along that was worrying Staten Islanders but the a personal, private, somewhat Oriental idea some transportation of the garbage from the city of democracy derived from perusal of the men who sent it ought to understand that in native Chinese press.

and succeeding-to revive those almost obsogest a further sojourn in the East until those who have the work in hand finish not making the world safe for democracy,

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 28, 1917.

## Esperanto for Soldiers

people that the transportation of garbage to | Sir: When the American soldiers go to the new plant would not be attended by any France the first great difficulty they will enshall surely lose when she next attacks us, nuisance. This also in the face of the fact counter will be their inability to converse o lose our liberty, let us do it now and have 285 horses died in the streets of New York time each of them will, of course, pick up a here, or at least public order. to make known his simplest wants, but they the Chinese democrats are themselves unable will find that on account of its idioms French or fail to establish a stable government or to is not at all easy to learn.

filth were moving to points other than course of a few weeks the American soldiers As a matter of fact, neither Mr. Reeve nor may be able to converse fluently with the any one else has ever smelt a Staten Island French. There is an international auxiliary language known as Esperanto, of simple conreasons, as certified by the Department of struction, and so easily learned that a per-1. All scows loaded with garbage consigned really a great help in facilitating intercourse inal sum. The grammar is absurdly simple and that they will not allow it. and to the contractors, who not only, against and the language is, unlike the French, des-

titute of idioms. The Esperanto Association of North America and the various state Esperanto associations would gladly cooperate in helping the American soldiers to learn Esperanto. officers and men they would be able to speak and more pleasant.

The French Esperanto associations would "I do not like that form of question," regladly cooperate by aiding the French solplied the Master of Balliol. "There are many diers to learn Esperanto so that they might historical incongruities you can bring out by be able in turn to converse with the Ameri-

Sir: Will you please tell William G. Bell, cans. of Philadelphia, that Belgium does not want Esperanto would be of such great benefit guns from Flanders was plainly heard at Dover, and about 1 o'clock yesterday morn-You will be rendering a patriotic service by the Belgians expect the German Huns to penditure of so little effort, that the Federal if he saw things done to children for whom

## China's Grave Disorder Nears Anarchy

# of Disintegration in Her

Government (Thomas F. Millard in "Millard's Review," of Shanghai) Political portents in China are ominous.

This no longer can or ought to be glossed over; and the time is opportune to bring the disturbing elements into view as clearly as is possible with the purpose of trying to avoid disaster. First, it should be recognized that tracts because of his naving seen draited that service, expected to find no other remedy than this present political dissension differs from customed to the clamors of Chinese internal politics, so that we are rather apt to take too own? Cannot something be done to avoid philosophic a view of them and to think that they somehow will straighten themselves out It is clear that this situation can be cured if let alone. There is much in past events to only by a moratorium in favor of drafted bear out this assumption, for the Chinese have a truly remarkable way of getting themselves into a seemingly hopeless political tangle, then suddenly emerging from it by means of a (to foreigners) almost cryptic ad justment. To take this complacent view of the present crisis is fallacious, because it synchronizes with a world war that has set Then we have the question as to real estate forces into motion which in many places are ortgages on property owned by drafted men. Certainly, where the property owner was formerly earning a substantial salary, or was

### Factions Further and Further Apart Looking back at events of the last few

months, it is fairly clear that whatever shift has occurred in Chinese politics has been on the line of the augmentation of forces of disintegration rather than forces of consolidation. The opposing factions have been getting further and further apart. For a moment it was hoped that the monarchical fiasco would unite the parties, but that hope was the drafted property owner himself resided, and for which he can find no lessee while he soon dashed. All that has come out of that is away. Such cases are bound to arise in incident has been a restoration of Tuan Chijui to power in the Peking government, innumerable quantity. Is the drafted property Other factors remain uncertain. Li Yuanowner then to lose his property? Is it possible that there are no steps contemplated to hung presents the spectacle of a President protect those who are serving our country? who won't act like a President and who con-Is it to be expected that our drafted property sequently turns the government over to s owners, having come into possession of prop-Premier. This Premier is an able man, with erty through years of conscientious labor, are sufficient experience to manage affairs; but to return from service in the army only to he is opposed by a strong party-the Kuomingtang-some of whose leaders, or assumed leaders, are without doubt trying to organize a rebellion. In this group are the members of the dissolved parliament, or a Of course, there are numerous kindred majority of them. The liberals are divided among themselves into radicals and moderates. Sun Yat-sen, Tang Shao-yi and a few others assume leadership of the radicals, and want to secede from the Peking government, with a new government established at another place. While Sun Yat-sen and Tang were in Shanghai, Nanking was Shao-yi favored by them as the seat of a revolutionary government; but now that those men have gone to Canton, that always turbulent injustices above outlined should be entirely city is favored as the new capital.

### An Appeal to America

But all members of the parliament have not gone cluttering off to Canton in the trail of Sun Yat-sen and Tang Shao-yi. Some of them-those chiefly who come from other parts of China than the South-have renained in Shanghai or have gone to their omes. The members remaining in Shanghal have sent a telegram to the American Con gress and to the Duma and to the House of Commons in similar terms, as follows: "De mocracy is again fighting for existence in China. For the second time since the estab lishment of the Chinese Republic our par liament has been illegally dissolved and ar oligarchy, based on military force, set up in the capital. We are fighting the same foe ing in Europe-the beast of militarism. As a democracy has anything to hope from the nation determined to be governed as a de

While recognizing the eloquence and t some extent the justice of this appeal, the case the parliaments to whom it is addressed If he doesn't know that Belgian, French should desire to take action in response they "During the recent hot wave, when people and British "stupidity" has already saved will be forced to move through certain estabdemocracy to the would; if he doesn't know lished channels. We have frequently written resourcefulness, or that we could not, given a little time, smash them to a frazzle in a and when the big Staten Island ferries were that every horror of the war is directly at in favor of our own nation—the United States gruelling fight. The idea that the Germans people seeking relief even at the cost of of organized pacifism, of which he has alhave anything in their make-up, except the mere capacity to grind and to obey orders get? Crossing the alleged 'finest harbor in if he doesn't know that the Vigilantes and American Congress hardly can be available. Mr. Cleveland Moffett are doing their best- vote to engage in the business of overturning a government in China that the United States lete virtues, patriotism and loyalty; if he has and does recognize as being legally condoesn't know these things, then I would sug- stituted; and the same reasoning would apply to the Commons and the Duma. Sympathy in generalized form is one thing; concrete aid to democracy in China is another.

A government of one democracy will enunter almost insurmountable obstacles in trying to aid another democracy as long as the democracy needing and asking the aid is unable to create something in the form of a government to be aided.

## Order Crumbling Away

Thus the primary requisite for other dsmocracies to aid democracy in China is somewith the French soldiers. In the course of thing in the nature of a stable government smattering of French that will enable him premise of this proposition is that, in case maintain public order, the first step which There is, however, a way by which in the foreign aid would have to take would be to establish order in China. Cannot Chinese grasp this fundamental fact? Cannot the Chinese parliamentarians who composed that telegram to other parliaments see that, in political practice, they have invited a foreign intervention in China which probably would on of quite ordinary intelligence can read have to recommence by restoring order in the it after a few days' study and can speak it country as an indispensable prelude to any nside of a couple of months. The writer constructive assistance? In all parts of this knows of one man who learned to read it in country we notice evidences of the crumbling six hours and to speak it in three weeks. of order. News comes every day now of mu-This language is thirty years old, has gone tinies here and there, and riots, always atthrough the acid test of use for a vast number of purposes and has shown that it is experience we know the outgrowth and the outcome of these manifestations, if they are between those speaking different languages, not checked. We further believe that, with There are thousands in France who know world conditions as they are, the powers can-Booklets giving the keys to not afford to allow forces of disintegration thousands of words are to be had for a nom- and anarchy to proceed unchecked in China,

#### The Master of Balliol on Conscience (From The London Times

When the Master of Balliol had finished speaking on "Religion and National Life" at systematic instruction were given both Hampstead yesterday, a young man asked, "If Jesus Christ were on earth to-day, were the language fluently by the time they under forty years of age, and were not in holy reached France, and would find that their orders, do you think He would be engaged in intercourse with the French natives, includ- making German widows or prefer to be in ing the soldiers, would be rendered far easier prison for holding conscientious objections? There were several cries of dissent.

simply imagining this, that, or the other. For instance, Julius Cæsar at the telephone! (Laughter.) Can you imagine any religious government should urge the learning of he was responsible, and not doing all he Esperanto as the duty of every American could to prevent them? (Cheers.) If you soldier.

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